

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of June 18, 2008, the present application has been carefully reviewed and amended. Entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Restrictions

The previously pending claims are subject to a restriction between:

Group I, Claims 5-13 and 23-27, drawn to a catheter assembly; and

Group II, Claims 14-22, drawn to a method of introducing an indicator through a catheter.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse, the claims of Group II, Claims 14-22, drawn to a method of introducing an indicator through a catheter, for prosecution in the present application.

Patentably Distinct Species

The application has been deemed to include patentably distinct species: Species A compensating for a volume of the indicator passing through the terminal port and Species B compensating for a thermal effect of the indicator passing through the terminal port.

Applicant hereby elects Species A, Claims 14-20, for prosecution in the present application. Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant respectfully reserves the right for consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim.

Applicant respectfully submits all the pending claims, Claims 14–20, distinguish over the art of record and are in condition for allowance.

If, however, the Examiner believes that any further issues remain, Examiner Pani is cordially invited to call the undersigned so that any such matters can be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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